



## MINUTES

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Graduate Students' Association

Board Meeting

Thursday, October 29, 2020

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Online Meeting

**Attendees – Executive Team:**

Christopher Yendt – President

Barb Daly – Executive Director

Daislyn Vidal – VP, International

Melanie Extance – Senate Representative

Marina Casavecchia – VP, Communications

Mohammad Moinul Hassan – VP, Equity & External Affairs

Hannah Young – VP, Internal

**Attendees – Faculty Representatives:**

Haley Myatt

Felisia Milana

Linshan Hou

Ash Grover

Siddharth Pathak

Nawal Syed

Jensen Murphy

Amanda Williams

**Regrets:**

None

**Absentees:**

None

**1. Meeting called to order at 12:08 p.m. by GSA President presiding**

**A. Welcome**

**B. Conflict of Interest – None**

**C. Land Acknowledgement**

**D. Establishment of Quorum at 12:08 pm**

## 2. Approvals

### A. Motion to resume Board Activities

Moved by Haley, Seconded by Daislyn, All in favour

### B. Agenda of the Board Meetings, October 29

Moved by Moinul, Seconded by Hannah, all in favour

### C. Minutes of the Meeting October 23

Have not yet been circulated

## 3. Items Arising from the Minutes

### A. Executive Reports

#### Vice-President, Internal

Approval moved by Melanie, Seconded by Daislyn, all in favour

#### Vice-President, Equity and External

Approval moved by Melanie, Seconded as Hannah, all in favour

#### Vice-President, Communications

Approval moved by Haley, seconded by Melanie, all in favor

#### Vice-President, International

Approval moved by Haley, seconded by Moinul, all in favour

#### Graduate Student Senator

Approval moved by Daislyn, Seconded by Marina, all in favour

#### President

Approval moved by Marina, seconded by Hannah, all in favour

### B. Legislative Updates – Bylaw Document 027A -second reading

Moved by Mel, seconded by Marina, all in favour

## 4. Items for Additional Consideration

Generative Discussion – Winter Semester Programming

- Felisia commented on the difficulty of finding a supervisor for MRPs in a virtual setting, especially in determining who is available to supervise and who can and would be willing to provide support in supervision
- Linshan noted that there is a gap in Brock's Co-op program timeline, with Companies Starting their recruitment processes prior to student's access to CareerZone and resources
  - o This seems to a recurring complaint from undergraduate and graduate students, across all programs
  - o Chris has offered to facilitate further conversation with Brocks Co-op coordinators
- Amanda initiated a conversation in regard to access to labs being between 8am-8pm has not been circulated or followed to all students accessing labs
  - o The restricted hours could act as a barrier to individuals who need to arrange child care or have a job
  - o Creates an issue for lab-based students who are trying to catch up on experiments from not having access to the lab during COVID-19 restrictions, have long experiments, and trying to coordinate lab time with several lab members of a lab while trying to limit the amount of people in the lab at one time

- Students could also be trying to avoid paying for parking after 6pm and are limited to 2 hours

## **5. Conclusion**

**A.** Next Meeting, November 19, 2020, 12-2pm

## **6. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned 2:02 pm